



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

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RTM Public Safety Committee

*Chairman James Streeter, Reps. Karin Adams, Mallory Doyle, Richard Pasqualini, Shawn Powers, and
Kate Richards*

Wednesday, May 09, 2018

6:30 PM

Groton Senior Center - Classroom A

SPECIAL MEETING

1. ROLL CALL

2. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Referral List

2018-0124 Adoption of Ordinance to Amend

ORDINANCE #287 TO AMEND SECTIONS 1-7, 7-31, 10-101, 10-140, 10-184, 11-56 AND 11-81 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF GROTON THAT:

Sections 1-7, 7-31, 10-101, 10-140, 10-184, 11-56 and 11-81 of the Town of Groton Code of Ordinances are amended as follows:

1. Sec. 1-7. - General penalty.

(a) Whenever in this Code or any other ordinance of the town, or rule or regulation promulgated by any officer thereof under authority vested in him by law or ordinance, any act is prohibited or is declared to be unlawful or an offense, or the doing of any act is required, or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided, the violation of such ordinance, rule or regulation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$250.00. Each day any such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) The imposition of any punishment under this Code shall not prevent the enforced abatement of any lawful condition by the town.

(c) Any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Code, officially designated as such and each day that such condition continues shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.

2. Sec. 7-31. - Notice of violation; fines.

Whenever any police officer finds any vehicle in violation of section 7-30, he shall attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner or operator that such vehicle has been parked in violation of the law. Said notice shall indicate the nature of the violation and the amount of the fine and shall instruct such owner/operator how and by when payment of the fine may be made and the consequences for failing to pay the fine in full within the time provided by this section. The amount of the fine shall be \$50.00 if payment in full is received at police headquarters within fourteen days of the date on which such notice was attached to the owner/operator's vehicle. The fine shall be \$100.00 if payment in full is received at police headquarters after the fourteenth but no later than the thirtieth day after the notice was placed on the vehicle. Payment may be made either in person at the police headquarters or by mail addressed to police headquarters and postmarked before the end of the fourteenth or the end of the thirtieth day period, as the case may be. The Police Chief may designate other acceptable means of payment from time to time, provided he gives prior written notice thereof to the Town Council. If

such owner/operator does not pay the full amount of the fine before the end of the thirtieth day after the notice was placed on the vehicle, the police department shall cause such owner or operator to be prosecuted for such violation in the court having jurisdiction of such violations.

3. Sec. 10-101. - Permit-Required for persons over 16.

It shall be unlawful for any person over the age of 16 to solicit orders of purchase for future delivery of any goods, wares or merchandise including magazines and other printed matter, from door to door or on any street or highway within the town without first obtaining from the chief of police a solicitor's permit to do so and paying the chief of police the fee therefor, the amount of which shall be established by the Town Council by resolution from time to time.

4. Sec. 10-140. - Violations/penalties

(a) Any person, partnership or corporation who is found to have violated this article shall be fined a definite sum not exceeding \$250.00 for each such violation.

(b) Each violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate offense, and any violation continuing more than one day of time shall be considered a separate offense for each day of violation.

(c) Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to limit any remedy the town may have for the enforcement of this chapter.

5. Sec. 10-184. - Violation and penalty.

Every person, except those persons who are specifically exempt by this article, whether acting as individuals, owner, employee of the owner, operator or employee of the operator, or acting as a participant or worker in any way, who gives a massage or conducts a massage establishment without first obtaining a permit and paying a permit fee to the Town of Groton or shall violate any of the provisions of this article or of the rules and regulations established by the chief of police or the director of health pursuant to this article shall be subject to a fine not to exceed 250.00. Each violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate offense, and any violation continuing more than one day of time shall be considered a separate offense for each day of violation. Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to limit any remedy the town may have for the enforcement of this article.

6. Sec. 11-56. - Ticketing of violators; penalties.

Whenever any police officer finds any vehicle(s) in violation of any parking regulation or restriction, he shall attach to such vehicle(s) a notice to the owner or operator that such vehicle has been parked in violation of law. Said notice shall indicate the nature of the violation and the amount of the fine and shall instruct such owner/operator how and by when payment of the fine may be made and the consequences for failing to pay the fine in full within the time provided by this section.

(1) The amount of the fine shall be \$20.00, if payment in full is received at police headquarters within fourteen days of the date on which such notice was attached to the owner/operator's vehicle. The fine shall be \$40.00 if payment in full is received at police headquarters after the fourteenth but no later than the thirtieth day after the notice was placed on the vehicle. Payment may be made either in person at the police headquarters or by mail addressed to police headquarters and postmarked before the end of the fourteen or the end of the thirty day period, as the case may be. The Police Chief may designate other acceptable means of payment from time to time, provided he gives prior written notice thereof to the Town Council.

(2) If such owner/operator does not pay the full amount of the fine before the end of the thirtieth day after the notice was placed on the vehicle, the police department shall cause such owner/operator to

be prosecuted for such violation in the court having jurisdiction of such violations.

7. Sec. 11-81. - Bus motor vehicles in livery service.

(a) Legislative finding. The operation of motor vehicles of the bus type in livery service for the purpose of conducting commercial tours on any of the enumerated public streets or highways, which streets or highways are narrow, without adequate sidewalks, and frequently congested, endangers the safety of pedestrians and other travelers on such streets or highways, especially children and the elderly, and constitutes a noisome, unreasonable and unnecessary invasion of the property and privacy rights of residents and property owners.

(b) Definitions. The term "motor vehicle of the bus type in livery service" means and includes every motor vehicle with a seating capacity of ten or more passengers which is used for the transportation of passengers for hire with the exceptions noted in C.G.S. § 13b-101.

(c) Acts prohibited. No person shall operate a motor vehicle of the bus type in livery service on any of the following public streets or highways:

Academy Lane
Bank Street
Burrows Street
Clift Street
Eldridge Street
Elm Street (Mystic)
Fort Rachel Place
Front Street
Gravel Street
Grove Avenue
High Street (Noank)
High Street, Mystic from Noank Road (Route #215) north to Cow Hill Road/Allyn Street connector
Library Street
Military Highway between Grove Avenue and Crystal Lake Road
Palmer Court (Noank)
Park Place
Pearl Street (Mystic)
Pearl Street (Noank)
Riverview Avenue (Noank)
Starr Street
Ward Avenue
West Mystic Avenue

(d) Penalty. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than \$250.00 for each offense.

8. This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective forty-five (45) days after its enactment by the Town Council, unless vetoed by the RTM

9. Each section of this Ordinance shall be effective on May 18, 2018.

Dated at Groton, Connecticut. 4th day of April, 2018.

Attest:

Betsy Moukawsher
Groton Town Clerk

3. ADJOURNMENT

For the committee to meet, we need a quorum. Please let the clerk's office (441-6644) know ASAP if you will not be able to attend this meeting.